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**REQUEST****FOR****CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
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Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000,
provides for continued examination of a utility or plant application
filed on or after June 8, 1995.

See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA)

Application Number	09/693,205
Filing Date	October 20, 2000
Confirmation Number	7268
First Named Inventor	Thomas J. Hudson
Group Art Unit	1653
Examiner Name	C. Kam
Attorney Docket Number	2825.1021-003

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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See *Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Final Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 50092 (Aug. 16, 2000); Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.*

1. **Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**a. ☒ Previously submittedi. ☒ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on April 4, 2003.
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on [].iii. ☐ Other -- [].b. ☒ Enclosedi. ☒ Amendment/Replyii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)iv. ☒ Petition for Extension of Time - 1 month with copyv. ☐ Other -- [].

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2. **Miscellaneous**a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of [] months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)b. ☐ Other -- [].3. **Fees** The RCE fee under 37 CFR § 1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.a. ☐ A check is enclosed for the following fees in the total amount of \$860.00
OR☒ Authorization is granted to charge the following fees in the total amount of \$860.00 to Deposit Account No. 08-0380. A copy of this document is enclosed for accounting purposesi. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)ii. ☒ Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17)iii. ☐ Amendment Feeiv. ☐ Other -- [].b. ☒ Authorization is hereby granted to charge any deficiency in fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 08-0380. A copy of this document is enclosed for accounting purposes.**SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY OR AGENT REQUIRED**

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AMENDMENT

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Sir:

This Amendment is being filed in response to the Final Office Action mailed from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (U.S. PTO) on January 7, 2003 and the Advisory Action mailed on April 25, 2003 in the above-identified application. A Notice of Appeal was mailed to the U.S. PTO on April 4, 2003 and received by the U.S. PTO on April 8, 2003.

An extension of time to file the Brief on Appeal pursuant to the Notice of Appeal is respectfully requested. A Petition for Extension of Time and the appropriate fee are being filed